

## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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### **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAINTAINING AND EXAMINING TIMERS FOR NETWORK CONNECTIONS**

the specification of which

- is attached hereto  
 was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as US Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) specifically referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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			YES:      NO:
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